

House Study Bill 255

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STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a separate tally of absentee votes by precinct.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 2593HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 49.31, subsection 7, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 7. For the purpose of ballot rotation the absentee ballot
1 4 and special voters precinct ~~may~~ shall not be considered a
1 5 separate precinct.
1 6 Sec. 2. Section 49.57, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
1 7 following new subsection:
1 8 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Absentee ballots counted by hand or
1 9 entered onto voting machines pursuant to section 53.24 shall
1 10 include the resident precinct number of the absentee voter.
1 11 If absentee voting is conducted by means of an electronic
1 12 voting system, the ballots shall be coded with the resident
1 13 precinct number of the absentee voter.
1 14 Sec. 3. Section 52.33, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
1 15 following new unnumbered paragraph:
1 16 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In counties where absentee
1 17 voting is conducted by use of an electronic voting system, the
1 18 tabulating device shall be programmed to produce a report
1 19 showing the resident precinct of the absentee voter.
1 20 Sec. 4. Section 53.23, subsection 2, Code 2007, is amended
1 21 to read as follows:
1 22 2. The board's powers and duties shall be the same as
1 23 those provided in chapter 50 for precinct election officials
1 24 in regular precinct polling places. However, the election
1 25 board of the special precinct shall receive from the
1 26 commissioner and count all absentee ballots for all precincts
1 27 in the county; when two or more political subdivisions in the
1 28 county hold elections simultaneously the special precinct
1 29 election board shall count absentee ballots cast in all of the
1 30 elections so held. The tally list shall be recorded on forms
1 31 prescribed by the state commissioner. The board shall also
1 32 record a separate tally of the votes for each candidate by
1 33 resident precinct of the absentee voter. The separate tally
1 34 list shall be on a form prescribed by the state commissioner
1 35 and, upon request, shall be made available for public
2 1 inspection.

EXPLANATION

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2 3 This bill provides that the absentee ballot and special
2 4 voters precinct board shall record a separate tally of votes
2 5 by resident precinct of the absentee voter. The separate
2 6 tally shall be available for public inspection upon request.
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